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## UNITED PRESS.

## By Telegraph

3.00 O'CLOCK.

## SMOULDERING RUINS

The Bodies of Four More Per-  
sons are Probably in the  
Troy Holocaust.

## THE FIRE IS NOT OUT YET.

WHO THE MISSING ARE SUP-  
POSED TO BE. NO SEARCH  
CAN BE MADE FOR  
SEVERAL DAYS YET.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

TROY, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The only persons  
positively known to be dead from the fire  
last night are Mrs. Patrick Carroll, Mrs.  
Robert Kane and Mrs. Ann Foley, em-  
ployees of Stettheimer & Co.'s collar fac-  
tory. There is still fear, which almost  
approaches certainty, that there are other  
bodies in the building, as several girls  
were seen to approach the windows and  
then fall back, and were not seen again.There are a number injured by burns and  
bruises, but none of these are believed to  
be fatally hurt.The fire was still burning at 11 o'clock  
this morning but was under control. The  
property loss will reach about \$200,000,  
mainly covered by insurance. Three  
buildings were burned, the principal one  
being the Burdett six-story structure in  
which the fire started.The engines were still throwing water  
on the fire this afternoon. So great is  
the mass of debris, and so much fire is  
smoldering in the ruins that it will be  
hours and perhaps days before the bodies  
are discovered.

[LATER.]

All the possible victims of the Troy  
fire have been accounted for save the  
three women already reported dead, and  
Mrs. Martin and Miss Millie Bradt. Sev-  
eral more have been reported seriously  
but not fatally injured.

[LATER.]

It is now reported that Mrs. Amelia  
Brook and Mrs. Morton, employees of  
Stettheimer & Co., have not returned to  
their homes and they are believed to have  
perished in the ruins also. The chief of  
fire department said at noon that streams  
must play on the ruins for at least two  
days before the fire can be extinguished,  
and that search for the bodies could not  
be made until after that time.

[LATER.]

A RUTLAND TRAIN WRECKED.

Goes Down a Forty-Foot Embank-

ment and is Smashed in Pieces.

Had only a Few Passengers.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

BELLFLOW FALLS, Vt., Feb. 18.—The pas-

senger train that left Rutland at 6.30  
o'clock this morning on the Central Ver-mont railroad, due at Boston at 12.40, went  
down a forty-foot embankment a mile  
north of Ludlow, Vt., at 7.30 o'clock.There were only six or eight passengers,  
besides the trainmen on board and all are  
more or less injured. They are being  
cared for at a farm house near the scene  
of the accident where physicians from  
Ludlow and Rutland are giving all possible  
aid.

T. J. Baker of Rutland, a carpenter em-

ployed by the road, is probably fatally  
hurt. Conductor D. B. Saxton of Rutland  
is badly out of the head and injured  
internally, but not dangerously. O. A.  
Baker, expressman, and George L.  
Fletcher, mail agent, are seriously bruised.  
Other persons on the train have painful  
but not so serious bruises.The wreck was caused by a broken rail,  
the excessive cold weather having im-paired the iron. This was the third train  
that had been off the rails in twenty-four  
hours within a mile of this place. The  
train consisted of a baggage car, mail car  
and coach, and all were smashed in pieces.  
The engine was left on the ties.

## TURKISH CHARGES FALSE.

Rev. George P. Knapp's Case Inves-

tigated for the United States

by a British Consul.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

BOSTON, Feb. 18.—The officials of the

American board have received word from  
a representative in Constantinople that  
the British ambassador has already inves-tigated the charges against the Rev.  
George P. Knapp, the missionary in Bit-

lis, Eastern Turkey, who has been arrested

## UNITED PRESS.

## By Telegraph

5.00 O'CLOCK.

## BICYCLERS' DISASTER.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]  
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 18.—While the  
bicyclists Stane, Terrill, Washburn,  
Schmidt, Vaughan and Swanborough, were  
trying to beat the world's record at Cor-  
onado track on a sextuple today near the  
three quarter pole and going at a 1.41 gait,  
a wheel exploded and a terrific jumble  
ensued. Swanborough was the only one  
seriously hurt, having his ankle broken.

## MORE DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

ALBANY, Feb. 18.—The grocery house

of J. J. Gulton used for twenty-five years  
as a house of worship by the Hebrews was  
burned this morning. The loss is \$35,000.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 18.—Golding Sons'

company's dirt spar mills were burned  
early this morning. The loss is \$30,000.

## HAVE THEY JOINED FORCES?

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

MADRID, Feb. 18.—A dispatch from Ha-

vanna says the rebels have cut off all com-  
munication between Havana and Matanzas.  
It is also reported that Gomez and  
Maceo effected a meeting of their forces  
Feb. 16. If this is true it is news of great  
importance, as it means much greater ac-  
tivity and more power for the insurgent  
forces.

## BANK CASHIER SHOT DOWN.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

BARRIE, Ont., Feb. 18.—J. A. Strathy,

manager of Bank of Toronto here for the  
past fifteen years was shot and mortally  
wounded at his home early this morning  
by an unknown man. The latter called  
and asked for Mr. Strathy and when he  
appeared drew a revolver and shot him  
dead.

## RUSSIA'S CLEVER HAND.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A Shanghai special

says advices from Corea announce that a  
Russian force supported the king in kill-  
ing the Korean ministers. A dispatch  
says the new cabinet are mere puppets  
under pay of Russia, and it is not doubted  
in certain circles that the whole coup was  
arranged at St. Petersburg.

## STEAMER OCEANIC IN PORT.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

BOSTON, Feb. 18.—The steamer Galileo

from Hall arrived this morning, towing  
the steamer Oceanic, from Sunderland,  
Jan. 20, for Hampton Roads, in ballast.  
The Oceanic was before reported with her  
shaft broken.

## FINANCIAL

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

STOCKS were fairly strong at the opening

and continued steady but very dull.

London was a buyer of Saint Paul and

L. & M. Saint Paul advanced 3/4 from 77;  
Burlington 3/4 to 80 5/8. Rock Island 7/8  
to 73 1/2. L. & N. 5/8 to 51 1/2.

Sugar advanced from 115 3/4 to 118 3/4.

Tobacco declined 1 1/8 from 80 3/4. Man-

hattan declined from 107 to 103 1/4.

Missouri Pacific declined from 24 to 23.

Western Union declined 1/2 from 55 7/8.

New York Market.

[Closing Quotations, 3 p. m.]

Received through the office of A. M. Tinker,

Broker, 111 Broadway, New York, orders for  
stocks and bonds, dealt upon New York Stock  
Exchange for cash or on margin. Private tele-

phone 75.

American Cotton Oil..... 115 3/4

American Sugar..... 118 3/4

American Tobacco..... 79 5/8

B. &amp; O..... 50

Central of New Jersey..... 107 1/2

Chicago &amp; North Western..... 101 1/4

C. B. &amp; Q..... 79 5/8

Chicago &amp; St. P. &amp; N. O. &amp; Q..... 80

St. Paul..... 77 1/2

Rock Island..... 73 1/2

C. C. &amp; St. L..... 84 1/4

Gen. Gas..... 108

Hocking Valley..... 27

Del. &amp; E. W..... 18 1/4

N. Y. Central..... 25

N. Y. &amp; West..... 19

N. Y. &amp; N. E. &amp; W..... 15 1/2

No. Pacific &amp; N. E. &amp; W..... 15

Pacific &amp; N. E. &amp; W..... 15

Phila. Reading..... 17 1/2

Pullman..... 104 1/4

Southern Ry..... 31

Ten. Coal &amp; Iron..... 32 1/2

Texas Pacific..... 29

Union Pacific..... 27 1/2

U. S. Rubber..... 18 1/2

U. S. Leather common..... 52 1/2

Wabash..... 12 1/2

Western Union..... 55 7/8

Wheeling &amp; Lake Erie..... 12 1/2

Chicago Markets.

Wheat—May 61, July 57 1/2

Corn—May 27, July 24 1/2

Oats—May 27, July 24 1/2

Rye—May 10, July 10

Lard—May 5 1/2, July 5 1/2

Cotton.

May. Opening. Closing.

## UNITED PRESS.

## By Telegraph

5.00 O'CLOCK.

## HOW ENGLAND FEELS.

London's Afternoon Papers Dis-  
cuss the Venezuelan Matter  
and a Possible Settlement.

## DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

A PARIS PAPER BELIEVES A  
SETTLEMENT IS ARRANGED,  
AS YESTERDAY'S OCCU-  
RENCE INDICATES.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The leading topics

of this afternoon's papers in London is  
the Venezuelan question, and the debate  
in the house of commons yesterday when  
a motion was made by Atherley Jones to  
force Salisbury to arbitrate the whole  
Venezuelan question.The English papers today are full of  
George W. Smalley's proposal in the  
Times that Great Britain should appoint  
a commission of its own of two members  
to work with two American commissioners  
to ascertain the real facts in the case and  
report to the English government.It is supposed here that Mr. Smalley's  
proposal emanated from the cabinet at  
Washington.

The Pall Mall Gazette, speaking of yester-

day's debate in the commons says:  
"Atherley Jones' amendment deploring  
the absence of a pronounced policy in the  
queen's speech favoring arbitration of the  
Venezuelan dispute could not do good and  
might do a great deal of harm, as it would  
have defeated its own end and have con-  
veyed to the United States an entirely fal-lacious impression of our hostility. This  
morning the very promising suggestion of  
Mr. Smalley comes. Fortunately, no  
harm is done. The house saw it had been  
on the verge of an indiscretion and wisely  
began to talk of something else."The Westminster Gazette announces  
that it entirely sympathizes with the ob-  
ject of the Atherley Jones amendment,  
but adds, "But it was clearly desirable  
after Mr. Balfour's appeal and Mr. Har-court's speech that it should not be per-  
severed in, for its certain rejection would  
have been interpreted in America as de-monstrating the commons not favoring  
arbitration. This would have been a  
thousand pities with the delicate nego-tiations proceeding, and with every hope  
that a modus vivendi may be found."The Paris Temps says it is believed in  
France that the withdrawal of the amend-ment calculated to force Salisbury to ar-  
bitration only prefaces the announce-ment of an agreement reached between  
Great Britain and the United States in the  
Venezuelan matter.

## FITZSIMMONS IS TRAINING.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 18.—Governor

Ahumada left Juarez for Chihuahua last  
night. He said that if the fight should  
come off there in Chihuahua he would  
arrest the principals, betters, spectators  
and correspondents and not one would  
escape a three years' imprisonment.Nearly all the sports have left, and only  
newspaper correspondents remain.Fitzsimmons seems pleased with the  
plan to fight Friday. He says he will win,  
and is doing light work preparing for the  
fight.

[LATER.]

The story was going the rounds this  
morning that the fight managers have re-ceived intimation from sources near to  
the state of Chihuahua authorities that  
there need not be any apprehension con-cerning interference with the proposed  
fight Friday next, provided the spot se-

lected is not within forty miles of



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Times not held record of its month in the  
other world; but this I do know, that I never see  
it when it is to be held, because it is so poor,  
because it is so ignorant, or because it is so weak.

—John A. Andrew.

## SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

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larly the general dispatches of the Western  
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From the Seal of North Adams.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, FEB. 18, 1896

COMPLIMENTARY TO OUR CITY  
CHARTER.

Although our new charter has not been  
long in operation and not yet demon-  
strated its ultimate usefulness, yet it is  
pleasing to know that the chief features  
which characterize it have been adopted  
into a sister city's new charter, and that  
our successes (and failures) are to be  
shared by no lesser city than Holyoke.

We may not only feel a little flattered  
by having struck out almost alone a form  
of city government that is deemed worthy  
of imitation by other cities, but we may  
congratulate ourselves that in the prob-  
lems and difficulties of our charter we are  
to have help. We shall not have to solve  
them or study them alone. This is no  
inconsiderable advantage.

A glance at the chief features of the  
new charter which Holyoke has framed,  
will show its similarity to our own at  
least, in essential principles.

There is the increase of power for the  
mayor, thus securing a centralization of  
authority and responsibility, the single  
board of aldermen and the establishment  
of a separate board of public works.

The feature of minority representation  
is a new departure. It necessitates the  
nomination of men without regard to  
ward lines. It may not always secure the  
election of a man from every ward, but the  
men who are elected will feel a greater  
responsibility and will have the entire  
city to serve instead of one section. This  
point is relied on to secure the nomina-  
tions of good men.

The mayor is relieved of presiding at  
the meetings of the aldermen and his  
place in this regard is taken by a pres-  
ident of the board, who is to have a vote  
in all matters.

Holyoke considers a great gain to the  
city to be in the provisions giving power  
of absolute appointment to the mayor in  
several cases. He is thus made respon-  
sible and the people can hold him so.

It has been found necessary to put in  
the charter a provision prohibiting any  
member of the board from taking part in  
city contracts. This is prohibited by gen-  
eral law, but the statute is not obeyed.

The board of public works is to be an im-  
portant body under the new charter, as it  
will consist of three men, each holding  
office for three years. They will be ap-  
pointed by the mayor and may be re-  
moved by him. They will have charge of  
constructing, repairing and lighting the  
streets and sidewalks, of construction and  
care of public buildings and sewers and  
also of bridges.

There is an apparent desire on the part  
of some members of the Holyoke city  
council to prevent the passage of the  
charter, but this will have no effect, for  
the people are generally united in favor  
of a change and they will not be kept  
from it by any petty politicians like those  
who hold positions as aldermen or coun-  
cillmen.

So Holyoke, after much sorry expe-  
rience with an old form of city govern-  
ment, has at last found a much better  
one. Let us hope it is a good  
omen, and that Holyoke is a judge of good  
charters.

Troy's appalling holocaust of last even-  
ing (teaches), in its awful and sickening de-  
tails, some very old lessons. Carelessness  
in allowing a small boy to do the lighting  
in a great manufacturing building, insuf-  
ficient exit ways from rooms crowded  
with work men and work women, and the  
absolute loss of self possession on the part  
of those in danger, were sufficient causes  
for the horror of Troy's catastrophe. The  
bravery and the determination of the fire-  
men was all that prevented a much larger  
sacrifice than even a score of lives. The  
poor, helpless shop girls of Troy! They  
are unfortunate enough without having  
to work in fire traps.

The Pittsfield Morning Call has become  
a welcome visitor to our desk, making its  
first arrival yesterday. It is a success as a  
news paper at the start. Its typographical  
appearance is worthy of relationship  
with the Sunday Morning Call, which is  
praise enough for the mechanical part of  
the paper. It is a seven-column, eight-  
page paper, and, if anything, too good a  
paper for the field. But proper apprecia-  
tion by the public will remedy this fault,  
and the ability of W. J. Oatman is a guar-  
antee that Berkshire's capital will always  
have a bright, new paper in the Morn-  
ing Call. Success to it.

It has been openly moved in the house  
of commons that the whole Venezuelan  
matter be referred to arbitration. This  
motion in direct defiance to Lord Sala-  
bury's policy was greeted with cheers in  
parliament yesterday. This is significant.

The situation in Cuba: Gomez waltzes  
at will over the "dead line," while the  
new captain-general chases him at the  
rate of three proclamations a day.—Spring-  
field Republican.

Albany is putting forth great efforts to  
secure Union college for its own. Well,  
perhaps Albany will know more when it  
has Union college in its midst.

Why don't those prize fighters fight or

shut up? And if they do fight, may it be  
to a mortal finish!

Thirty-seven degrees below zero was the  
best record for Berkshire cold yesterday.  
That was at Lee.

Stephen B. Elkins is a Republican candi-  
date for president. Now Mr. Platt you  
are next.

The coal monopolist in these cold days  
is the meanest man on earth.

There isn't so much frost on the win-  
dows. A welcome sign.

Its warmer west. May it hurry up  
and get warmer here.

The plumbers are all happy.

Booh!

THE EDITOR'S SHEARS.

FOR TODAY.

AS NIGHT COMES ON.

But the rain is gone by, and the day's  
dying out in a splendor.  
There is light as of many gold wings in  
the heart of the sky;  
God's birds it may be, who return from  
their ministry tender,  
Flying home from the earth, like the  
earth-birds when darkness is nigh.  
Gold plumes and gold feathers, the wings  
hide the roseate faces,  
But a glimmer of rosy feet breaks  
the massing of gold;  
There's gold hair blowing back—and a  
drifting of over in clear spaces,  
A little child—angel whose flight is less  
sure and less bold.  
They are gone, they are flown, but their  
footsteps have left the sky ruddy,  
And the night's coming on with a moon  
in a tender green sea,  
And my heart is filled home, with a flight  
that is certain and steady,  
To her home, to her nest, to the place  
where her treasure shall be.  
Across the dark hills where the scarlet to  
purple is waning;  
For the birds will fly home, will fly  
home, when the night's coming on,  
But hark! in the trees how the wind is  
complaining and straining,  
For the birds that are flown it may be,  
or the nests that are gone.

—KATHERINE TYNAN.

A MEMORY OF THOMAS CRESCENDO PLATT.

[Tom Platt once had a country choir at his home  
in Orange, N. Y., where a young man, and a song  
at Governor Morton's reception the other night  
brought out this poem from the New York Sun.—  
Ed.]

In other days of other years,  
When music did inspire  
Toga's favorite son, they say,  
That Thomas led the choir.

So sweet he voiced his numbers that  
All strangers would inquire  
About the music in the church,  
When Thomas led the choir.

They had their rows as all choirs do,  
And got as hot as fire;  
Some quiet, and some remained to kick,  
But Thomas led the choir.

They tell that once upon a time,  
A preacher came from Maine,  
Who preached a sermon from the text:  
"And we shall suffer pain."

The sermon was a dismal thing,  
And what it lacked in strength  
Of gloominess and suffering,  
Was quite made up in length.

At last it ended and the choir  
Arose to sing a hymn,  
And Thomas led the choir that day,  
With all the usual vim.

This hymn he sang in tones that reached  
From pulpit steps to dome:  
"Oh, take a pill—Oh, take a pill—  
Oh, take a pilgrim home!"

—BUSINESS CHANGE.

A North Adams Merchant Buys a Store  
in Williamstown.

A. R. Smith of this city has bought the  
B. F. Mather store in Williamstown and  
will take possession next week. This will  
be interesting news to the people of Wil-  
liamstown and this city, for the parties to  
the deal are among the well known busi-  
ness men of Northern Berkshire and the  
store is one of the oldest establishments  
of the kind in this part of the state. It has  
been owned and conducted by the Mather  
family for over fifty years and there is no  
one anywhere that knows anything about  
Williamstown who is not perfectly famil-  
iar with "Mather's store." It is located on  
the north side of Main street in the west  
part of the village and is one of the land-  
marks of the town. The late B. F. Mather  
did business there for many years in the  
old-fashioned way. He amassed a  
comfortable fortune and left it to his family  
and the town the record of an industrious,  
enterprising and honorable career. Since  
his death the store has been conducted by  
his son, B. F. Mather, who now retires.

Mr. Smith, the new proprietor, has had  
an experience which well equips him for  
the responsibilities inseparable from such  
a business. Back in the sixties he was  
engaged in the hotel business as a member  
of the firm of Streeter, Smith & Co., pro-  
prietors of the Wilson. Later he bought  
the Williamstown house, and conducted it  
for a few years, after which he was  
proprietor of the Farren house at  
Turners Falls for about three  
years. Aside from the time Mr.  
Smith spent in the hotel business his  
life has been devoted to mercantile affairs.  
He was a member of the firm of Smith &  
Co., which ran the tunnel stores when the  
Hoosac tunnel work was progressing un-  
der contractors, and up to the time when  
the state assumed the work. For some  
years past he has been a member of the  
firm of Stroud & Co., of this city, dealers  
in groceries and provisions. This firm  
was dissolved Jan. 1.

Mr. Smith is a capable and honorable  
business man and should be able to do  
well with the old and established business  
of which he is to take control. He is in  
every way worthy of the confidence of the  
people of Williamstown, who will find  
him obliging, courteous and trust-  
worthy. He and his family have a large  
circle of friends who will regret their re-  
moval from this city, and whose best  
wishes will follow them to their new  
home in Williamstown, to which place  
the family will move about the 1st of  
April.

—Mrs. Tebbetts is now so far recovered  
from her late illness as to be able to at-  
tend the meeting of the G. F. S. this eve-  
ning. She will hope to see a full attend-  
ance of all her girls and associates.

## PRAISEWORTHY WORK

Of the Young Women's Christian Associa-  
tion of Springfield.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—We have been  
advised to publish in the papers of the  
surrounding towns an account of our  
work, in order that young girls who leave  
their homes to find work in the city may  
know where to find a safe and pleasant  
home, and women who come to us for  
their shopping may know where to get a  
dainty lunch, to rest and learn about our  
work.

Twenty-five years ago a few earnest,  
devout Christian women decided that there  
ought to be a Young Women's Christian  
Association in Springfield.

From this small beginning, step by step,  
the work has grown until now we have a  
boarding house, an exchange and an edu-  
cational department. The home is at 19  
Bliss street and the exchange and educa-  
tional department is at 46 Court street.

We are now earnestly praying and  
striving for funds with which to secure a  
building in every way adapted to our  
needs and including under one  
roof the several departments of our work.

The home at present will accommodate  
about fifty boarders, the price of board  
ranging from \$3.25 to \$4 per week. The  
matron and her sisters are thoroughly  
Christian women who "mother" the girls  
in the pleasantest way. The atmosphere  
is one of culture and refinement. Daily  
devotions are held at different times, the  
pastors of the city taking charge of them,  
and pleasant socials, with light refresh-  
ments, are held once a month.

The exchange is doing a good work. By  
the payment of \$1 any one in any town or  
state may become a consignor. The ex-  
change charges 10 per cent. of the price of  
goods for selling them. Every kind of art  
needle work, decorated china, crocheted  
and knitted articles are sent here, as also  
are all kinds of bread, pastry, jellies, pre-  
serves, pickles, etc. Another feature of  
the exchange is its "noon rest," where  
dainty lunches are served, or where girls  
can bring their old lunches and buy a  
plate of soup, a cup of hot coffee, etc.,  
and spend the rest of the noon hour with  
books and magazines at music.

The work in the educational depart-  
ment has been very successful. The  
courses offered are dressmaking, millin-  
ery, embroidery, cooking, penmanship,  
bookkeeping, French and physical cul-  
ture. With the exception of physical cul-  
ture the courses consist of ten lessons,  
each with prices ranging from fifty cents  
to \$2 for the course.

Last year the number of pupils was 321,  
and the reports for the six months of this  
year show an increase over that. There  
is also a very flourishing junior depart-  
ment.

The Christian labor committee does a  
vast amount of good in a very quiet way.  
If the girls are absent from the classes on  
account of illness they visit them. They  
visit the parents of the children in the  
junior department, they hold mothers'  
meetings, which help the weary, worried  
mothers very much, and they strive in  
every way to help the girls to form beau-  
tiful Christian characters.

Thus it will be seen that we are doing  
noble work in helping the girls to help  
themselves, and a work deserving the  
heartiest co-operation of all Christian  
women.

W. E. D.

## "THIS CONCERNS WHEELMEN"

And Throws New Light on The Ques-  
tion of Insurance.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—I wish to take  
exception to a portion of the article pub-  
lished in Saturday's TRANSCRIPT, entitled  
"This Concerns Wheelmen," and which  
relates to a supposed increase in the cost  
of accident insurance for wheelmen. The  
article in question states that "the acci-  
dent insurance companies of the United  
States, assembled in conference at Boston,  
have unanimously resolved that bicycling  
is a hazardous occupation," etc. The con-  
vention of companies referred to was  
simply a conference of the "mutual" or  
"assessment" organizations who do busi-  
ness under the assessment laws of the  
several states. The stock companies  
who represent the bulk and stability of  
the country, and who do four-fifths of the  
business, have as yet made no change in  
rates for insuring wheelmen. All capable  
accident underwriters are agreed that bi-  
cycling produces an increase in hazard  
not contemplated when the present rates  
were established, therefore the stock com-  
panies may see fit to take some action in  
the matter at a later date, but when they  
do all intelligent wheelmen will probably  
be willing to pay the extra charge for the  
increased risk they realize they assume  
without much "squealing."

B. B. HASKINS.

## CONCERT AND DANCE.

To Be Given by the Ideal Band This Eve-  
ning.

The Ideal band, a new organization, will  
give its first concert and dance tonight at  
Odd Fellows' hall. The principle features  
of the concert will be solos by Miss  
Josephine Costello and W. F. Smith, and  
clog and jig dancing by McCarty and  
Buck.

CONCERT PROGRAM.

Coronation March.....Kretschmer  
Orchestra.

Clavier Solo—"Romantic Air,".....Thornton  
W. H. McCarty.

Song—"Hiding Behind the Door,".....Miss Josephine Costello.

Selection—"Merriment,".....Wallace  
Orchestra.

Clog Dance.

Eugene O'Neill.

Trombone Solo—"Message,".....Brooks  
Doland Lounan.

Song—Selected.

W. F. Smith.

Descriptive—"Uncle Eph's Wedding,"  
Orchestra.

Duet: clog and jig dancing.

McCarty and Buckley.

Finale—"Fire Works Polka,".....Moses  
Ideal Band.

Dancing will follow the concert and a  
very pleasant occasion is expected.

A party from the St. Jean Baptist so-  
ciety, numbering sixty, went on the elec-  
tric cars to Adams last evening and sur-  
prised Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Debut at their  
home. Besides carrying with them re-  
freshments they took a handsome parlor  
lamp which they presented to the host  
and hostess. A pleasant evening was  
passed and the party returned on an early  
car this morning.

—There were 1719 books given out at  
the public library last week.

## Fitchburg Railroad.

Corrected Dec. 15, 1895.

Trains Leave North Adams going East—

12.00, 1.30, 2.55, 11.44 a. m.; 2.25, 12.10  
p. m.

Going West—

12.00, 1.30, 2.55, 11.44 a. m.; 2.25, 12.10  
p. m.

Trains Arrive from East—

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## Reduction Sale.

We shall make a special low price on some staple goods in our over stocked lines.

Note the Prices.  
New Kitchen Clocks, 8 day,  
**\$3.50, FORMER**

**PRICE \$5.00.**

Sterling Silver Tea Spoons,  
\$3.50 per Set of 6, former price  
\$5.00. Engraved Free.

Wm. Roger's Tea Spoons,  
\$1.00 per Set.

12 dwt. Rodger's Knives and Forks,  
\$3.00 per Dozen.

## L. M. BARNES,

5 Wilson Block.

When you buy

**D. & H.**  
**All Rail Coal**

It means that you will have  
**More Heat,  
Less Waste,  
Less Labor and  
Smaller Bills**

than if you buy the product  
of other mines.

The purchase of **One Bale**  
of our **Shavings** will  
convince you that they are the  
cheapest and best means of  
bedding your horse or cow.

**T. W. Richmond & Co.,**  
31 STATE STREET

**LATE BUYERS**

will still find a

**Good Assortment c.**

**Watches,  
Clocks,  
Opera Glasses,  
Sterling Silver,  
Solid Gold Jewelry.**

Special prices will be quoted on certain  
articles to sell them quickly.

**L. W. WHITE,**  
**JEWELER,**  
60 MAIN STREET

**FREE! FREE!!**

**TO KIDNEY SUFFERERS.**

An Opportunity Worthy of Your  
Notice.

If you suffer with kidney disease or any  
ailment arising from an improper action  
of the kidneys or urinary organs, this offer  
we make to the people of North Adams  
should interest you. In the advancement  
of medical science, the kidneys, being  
almost the organs of greatest importance  
to human health have not been neglected,  
and in placing before you such a cure as  
Doan's Kidney Pills, the proprietors  
recognize how far so many statements of  
the makers of similar preparations have  
fallen short of their claims, being con-  
vinced that no remedy for kidney com-  
plaints in existence equals Doan's  
Kidney Pills for such ailments; strength-  
ened by these convictions by letters that  
are daily received of the work they are  
doing for mankind's benefit, old backs  
and young backs are being constantly  
freed from never-ceasing aches, and  
many a lame and shattered one, stooped  
and contorted, is strengthened, invigor-  
ated and infused with new life. With  
such a medicine an offer of this kind can  
be made without hesitancy, for while we  
lose the box we give to you, we make a  
friend that assists us in the sale of many  
others.

**ONE FULL BOX**  
of Doan's Kidney Pills will be given  
away free to every person suffering with  
kidney ailments at the undersigned ad-  
dress. First come, first served, and only  
this one chance offered. Remember this  
is not a sample box, but a regular size  
box of Doan's Kidney Pills, which re-  
tail at 50 cents. For those in the country  
who cannot call in time, free boxes will  
be mailed up to and including February  
22 for all letters received, in the order of  
receipt. Remember

**FREE DISTRIBUTION ONE DAY  
ONLY!**  
Wednesday, February 19 at  
**BURLINGAME & DARBYS,**  
Apothecaries,  
Main street, North Adams, Mass.

The A B C of it.  
A kidney education starts with; Back  
ache means kidney ache, lame back  
means lame kidneys, weak back means  
weak kidneys, cure means Doan's Kidney  
Pills. Read about the free distribution in  
this paper and call at  
**BURLINGAME & DARBYS,**  
Apothecaries,  
Main street, North Adams, Mass.

## SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in Our  
Neighbor Towns.

## AT ADAMS TODAY.

**High School Debate.**  
The next meeting of the high school  
debating club will be held Friday evening  
and the following question will be  
discussed: "Resolved, that the junior  
class should appropriate the money ex-  
pended for presents for the seniors, in  
decorating the walls of the high school."  
The affirmative leaders will be Fred  
Knapp, Miss Emma Richmond, Miss  
Jessie Harrington, and Thomas Barrett;  
the negative, Miss Katie A. Daniels, Ed-  
ward Dunn, Miss Abby Snow and Miss  
Fannie Beckwith.

**The Tyrolean Queen.**  
The sale of tickets for the opera, the  
"Tyrolean Queen," which will be pre-  
sented at the opera house this evening,  
under the auspices of the Notre Dame  
parish, has been very large and a large  
audience will witness the production.  
The cast and chorus, made up entirely of  
Pittsfield vocalists, will come to Adams on  
the 5.37 train and a large number of  
Pittsfield people will come on a special  
train which will reach here about 7.40.  
The special train will return at 11.45.

**New Officers Elected.**  
A special meeting of the Young Men's  
Literary and Debating club was held at  
the congregation house Monday evening  
and the officers were elected to hold for  
three months: President, William D.  
Morton; vice-president, James P. Magenis;  
recording secretary, M. J. Curran. Al-  
though no definite action was taken at  
Monday's meeting it is probable that sub-  
sequent meetings will be held on Wednes-  
day instead of Monday evenings. The  
next meeting will occur next week and  
the question to be debated is: "Resolved,  
that the United States senate should be  
abolished. The disputants are: Affirma-  
tive, Frank Coonan and A. W. Streeter;  
negative, P. D. Powers and M. J. Curran.  
P. Dowd will deliver the oration and  
Charles H. Tower the essay.

The Gander club of St. Paul's Univer-  
salist church will serve an oyster supper  
Wednesday evening at 6.30 o'clock.  
Price 25 cents. All cordially invited.  
Miss Grace Jubb will entertain the Baptist  
Mission band Saturday afternoon.  
Miss Edith Shearn has returned to her  
home in Athol.

Miss Desie Kennedy has returned to her  
home in Syracuse, N. Y., after a visit with  
local friends.

Miss Grace Whipple of Cambridge, N. Y.,  
who was a guest of Adams friends, re-  
turned to her home Monday.

A social and dance will be held at the  
East Cheshire Cheese factory this even-  
ing.

The Temperance society's dance Mon-  
day evening was well attended.

The King's Daughters of the Congrega-  
tional church will serve supper at the  
congregation house Saturday afternoon.

This week's meeting of the male chorus  
of Trinity Methodist church will be held  
with Abram Clark.

James O'Neill, barman of the Hoosac  
Valley Street Railway company, is ill at  
home as Zylot.

Division Superintendent T. J. Sullivan  
of Westfield was in town Monday, and  
gave permission to James Stewart & Co.  
to lay a sewer from the new Berkshire  
mill to the canal on the east side, passing  
under the Boston and Albany tracks.

No special business was done at the  
board of health meeting Monday even-  
ing.

A pleasant time is anticipated by the  
members of the Hoosac club at the open-  
ing of their elegant apartments in bank  
block this evening. There will be dan-  
cing, music, cards and a spread. Palmer's  
orchestra will provide music for the dan-  
cing, which will be in temperance hall.

A pool table and a billiard table have  
been set up in the Hoosac club rooms by  
the J. Wesley Goodwin company of Athol.

James and Phillip D. Powers were guests  
of friends in Pittsfield Saturday night and  
Sunday.

The regular supper at St. Paul's Univer-  
salist church Wednesday evening will be  
in charge of the men of the parish. Oys-  
ters will be served.

Every seat in the opera house has been  
sold for tonight's production of "The Ty-  
rolean Queen."

Miss Lincoln, aged 24, a respected young  
resident of East Cheshire, died Monday  
after a short illness.

Frank Monroe, Hugh Tulley, John Ryan  
and George Duggan were in court this  
morning charged with disturbing the  
peace. They were nonbailable on the sleigh-  
rides Saturday. Monroe was fined \$10 and  
the others were discharged.

Two new members were elected to the  
Sons of Veterans camp at Monday even-  
ing's regular meeting.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs.  
Walter Picard Monday.

Several members of the Alert hose  
company attended the firemen's ball in  
Pittsfield Monday evening.

Miss Marie Kynyon and Miss Etta  
Raehm of Pittsfield, who were guests of  
Adams friends, returned home Monday.

## CHESHIRE.

Again the mercury ranges low, as was  
the case Monday morning. It was 18 to  
23 degrees below zero this morning.

Large sleighride to the Hoosac Valley  
house almost every night.

Mrs. Carley, who was thrown from a  
sleigh at Adams Sunday, was worse in-  
jured than was at first supposed. She is  
suffering from a nervous affection as a re-  
sult.

There is a Preacher's institute of the  
Troy district at Lansingburg, N. Y., today  
and tomorrow. Rev. P. F. Youlan attends  
this meeting.

Fred Farrer and wife who have been  
employed by the Hurlburt Stationery  
company of Pittsfield, have resigned their  
positions. Mr. Farrer is going to take a  
position in a shoe shop there.

The farmers' institute will be under the  
auspices of the Hoosac Valley Agricul-  
tural society. The addresses will be by  
P. M. Harwood of Watertown, subject,  
"Tuberculosis."

There was a narrow escape from serious  
injury Sunday night of a mile north of the  
village. An Adams man drove off the  
bank and did some damage to the horse,  
sleigh and himself.

Mrs. Fred Tinney, aged 26 years, died  
yesterday. She leaves a child 5 years old,  
and a husband to mourn her loss. She  
was a daughter of the late S. L. Lincoln.  
She had been a sufferer with consump-  
tion.

## WILLIAMSTOWN.

Leap Year Ball.

Miss Catherine Manning and Miss Win-  
fred Mullen gave a fine leap year ball in  
the G. A. R. hall Monday evening. All  
had a very pleasant time. The ladies that  
managed this ball deserve much credit for  
its success. Refreshments were served  
about 12 o'clock. Ladies were present  
from Blackinton.

There was a pleasant gathering at Wil-  
liam Connor's residence Monday night.  
About twenty couples were present, and  
dancing was enjoyed.

The engagement of Miss Florence Grin-  
nell Cole to Clide N. Sherwood of Chicago  
is announced.

A. H. Prentiss, '94, and wife, and B. H.  
Christy, '94, are in town.

The Williamstown national bank has  
received a nearly "life size" calendar.  
Customers will have no excuse for asking  
the day of the month now.

Prayer meeting at the Congregational  
church Wednesday evening instead of  
Tuesday.

Dr. W. A. Farnsworth, who so ably in-  
structed us upon Turkey and eastern  
matters, left town early Monday morning.

Spring street hotel, George Haab, pro-  
prietor. Restaurant department open  
from 7 a. m. to 12 p. m. Clams served on  
half shell. Clams for sale at rate of 80  
cents per hundred. Chowder always on  
hand in plate or quantity. Please give  
my place a trial, satisfaction guaranteed.

## BLACKINTON.

The officers of Brigade 6 Order of Al-  
fiedians were installed Monday evening  
by Deputy Protector Gideon F. Waite, the  
Right Honorable Protector R. E. Crossen  
of Taunton, Mass., was unable to at-  
tend on account of sickness as the deputy  
protector officiated in his absence. The of-  
ficers elected were as follows: Harry Gar-  
jane, honorable commander; Edward  
Jost, vice-commander; Herbert Fowler,  
recorder; Alfred Jones, treasurer; chap-  
lain, John Phillips; guide, George Faghy;  
assistant guide, John Lloyd; L. S. William  
Davis, O. S. John Thomas; post com-  
mander, Samuel Jones. The order is in  
good condition and is arranging for  
the annual supper to be held in April.  
There were no public exercises last even-  
ing.

Daniel Eadie is on a business trip to  
Fitchburg today.

All members of the F. M. T. A. society  
will please be at the rooms this evening to  
attend a reception given by the Ladies  
Aid.

The third lecture of the peoples' course  
will take place Wednesday evening in  
School hall, when Mr. Burrage of Drury  
academy will speak on "Astronomy." Singing  
will be furnished by the Young  
Ladies club and a large attendance re-  
quested.

A party from this village went to Hart-  
wellville last week to enjoy a few days'  
hunting. They returned home Monday  
and report the thermometer at "Canady's  
hotel" down below 30 and frozen.

THE TATTLE.

Miss Mabel Spencer is county physician  
in Riley county, Kan. She is only 29.

Miss Louise Aldrich Blake is the first  
woman to receive the degree of master of  
surgery from London university.

Mrs. Annie Mcfield of Lexington, Me.,  
who is 94 years old, is making consider-  
able pin money knitting socks for the Por-  
tland market.

Miss Anna Dickinson is still in the lo-  
cutor field and talked at length to a Soran-  
tione audience lately on her travels in south-  
ern California.

Miss Mary C. Philbrook, the first woman  
to obtain admission to the bar in New  
Jersey, is creating more or less of a furor.  
She is tall and slim, with an attractive  
face and keen black eyes.

Miss Julia Stevenson might perhaps  
claim the honor of being the belle of the  
capital, for she is much admired, not only  
by the young people among whom she  
moves, but by all classes of society.

The wife of Bishop Hare of Washing-  
ton, formerly Miss Root of Albany, has  
become a great leader in church and char-  
itable work at the national capital and a  
social favorite among church people.

One of the best whist players in this  
country is Mrs. Lucia Runkle, who is also  
a skilled pianist, and a very good cook.  
She is a thoroughly good player, with a  
young daughter who is growing up to be  
no less remarkable in that respect.

Mrs. J. Stanley Brown (Mollie Garfield)  
is one of the most popular young matrons  
in Washington. She is a brunette, with  
warm golden brown hair, large dark eyes  
and an exquisite complexion. She has  
three children.

Mrs. Custer is a handsome woman,  
whose hair is only beginning to turn gray,  
and whose face shows few signs of the  
tragedy through which she lived 20 years  
ago. She is a delightful but very earnest  
talker and takes life more seriously than  
most women.

Mrs. Nellie Shortalter of Kentucky is  
probably the greatest woman chess player  
in the world. She was born in 1873 at  
Donerall, Ky., and is a direct descendant  
of Chief Justice Marshall. She was mar-  
ried in 1887 to Jackson W. Showalter, who  
taught her to play chess.

Mrs. Castrolia, the champion fencer of  
the United States and Canada, says that  
she went into her profession because she  
thought it a good one for making money.  
She defeated Duncan C. Ross on horse-  
back, and also Professor Castrolia, who  
afterwards became her husband.

Mrs. Levi P. Norton's weakness is for  
sleighs, shoes and loaves. She has so many  
that she could wear a different pair each  
day for a year. They are of kid, suede,  
silk, satin—indeed, of every imaginable  
material—and, while some are unbroken-  
in silver, others are trimmed in gold.

SHORT SERMONS.

Resolution is omnipotent.—John Foster.  
Alternate rest and labor long endure.—  
Ovid.

Sarcasm poisons reproof.—Wigglesworth.

Nature is commanded by obeying her.—  
Bacon.

A fresh mind keeps the body fresh.—  
Bulwer.

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## RINGS AND RING LORE.

Early Celtic rings were executed in in-  
terlaced work, often of very intricate pat-  
terns.

In many female religious orders the  
ring is used during the ceremony of receiv-  
ing a novice.

In the tombs of ancient Egypt, dating  
probably not later than 3000 B. C., are  
found gold rings of fair workmanship.

In the fourteenth century astrological  
rings were fashionable in Italy. The set-  
tings were carved with various emblems  
and symbols.

Richard I of England had a ring set  
with a bloodstone. His enemies attributed  
his daring and success to the influence  
of this jewel.

Queen Elizabeth was extravagantly fond  
of rings. In her jewel case after her death  
there were found 758 rings of various de-  
scriptions and values.

The ring of Edward the Confessor is pre-  
served among the royal regalia of Great  
Britain. One of the uses it was used in  
the coronation ceremonies of the Eng-  
lish kings.

Frederick, who died in 1250, was opened,  
in 1750, his coronation ring, set with a  
beautiful emerald, was still found upon  
his finger.

He was charged against Demosthenes by  
his enemies that he was too fond of rings  
and jewelry, and that when he made a  
speech he gestulated more to show his  
rings than to enforce his remarks.

During the fourteenth century, in  
France and Spain, gifts of valuable rings  
to status of the saints and Virgin Mary  
were very common. One statue in Barcel-  
lona is said to have worn rings valued at  
100,000.

Pilgrim rings were formerly sold at  
every noted shrine in Christendom. They  
were purchased by pilgrims preparing to  
return home and were regarded as evi-  
dence that the pilgrimages had been really  
performed.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

Budd Doble will train a few horses this  
year at Fleetwood park, New York.

The Canadian stallion Yearling, 2:18 1/2,  
by Red Wings, will be shipped to England.

Stapler, 2:11 1/2, has been sent to his  
old trainer, Alex. McKay of Columbia,  
Tenn.

The two sisters to the trotter Henrico,  
2:15, at the Jewett farm, Buffalo, are both  
fast pacers.

W. P. Maloney has the Canadian pacer  
Lord Ferguson, 2:19 1/2, in his stable at  
Joliet, Ill.

Joe Tracy, who drove Trevillian, 2:08 1/2,  
to his record, will have that good horse  
again this year.

John Spahn will try to get the fast trot-  
ter Newburger, by Jay Bird, in racing  
form for the coming season.

The Patches Wilkes colt out of Belle  
Eddy, trial, 2:31, by Jerome Eddy, has been  
named Senator Lamy after the breed-  
er of his dam.

The Baron Wilkes pacer Baronade,  
2:11 1/2, will be sent to Ed Giers early in  
the spring and will race in the Village  
farm stable this year.

Spurco Lawn farm, Springfield, O., will  
have in its campaigning stable this year  
Legends, Chimes by Chimes and Claddy  
W, by Hialeah-law, 2:15.

L. Simpson of Louisville, Ky., who was  
once prominent on the harness racing  
tracks but who has been racing runners  
for several years, will be out with a stable  
of trotters again this year.

Mambrino Dudley, 2:19 1/2, the stallion  
that once stood at the head of General B.  
F. Tracy's Maryland farm stud, is now  
owned at La City, Idaho. He has not  
been a pronounced success as a sire.

## A ROYAL FLUSH.

The young czar of Russia is not fond of  
the game of cards, but he is a very good  
individual, very fond of reading. He has  
made a close study of French literature.

The Prince of Wales is a great newspa-  
per reader, and will skim through a lot  
of papers and get the gist of each one with  
the rapidity and accuracy of a trained  
newspaper man.

The queen of Portugal is addicted to  
mauling pursuits. She is passionately  
fond of hunting, and has been seen to her-  
self thrust the knife into the throat of a  
dying stag. Her love for a bull fight is  
notorious.

The emperor of Austria smokes so call-  
ed Virginia cigars, which being manufac-  
tured of the finest tobacco of the United  
States, have straws running through them.  
They make them draw and are so green that  
they have to be held in a flame for several  
minutes to light.

The king of the Belgians is seldom seen  
in the theaters of Brussels, caring little  
for theatrical performances. He objects,  
too, to sitting in the royal box at the vari-  
ous houses of amusement. The queen, on  
the contrary, is passionately fond of the  
theater, and rarely misses a first night.

## JEWELRY CONCEITS.

A yellow topaz, in the top of a gold  
purse, pleases a desirable class of patrons.  
Keyless watches, in chased silver and  
morocco cases, have won deserved popu-  
larity.

A unique watch is one with green en-  
amel, and a center of which appears a  
single shoe.

Single stone rings for men continue to  
show hand carved shanks, and are some-  
what massive in effect.

Lognette chains are very popular and  
include both gold and silver chains; also  
gold chains punctuated with pearls and  
precious stones.

A notable feature of the present day  
jewelry is that all kinds of fancy stones  
are utilized. There also appear some ex-  
ceedingly clever imitations of precious  
gems.

As the demand for ladies' belts contin-  
ues the variety increases; and numerous  
materials are employed, such as gold and  
silver, diamonds, velvet, leather, gold and  
gold.—Jewelers' Circular.

## HAVANA FILLERS.

Spain should be a little careful how she  
exiles people from Cuba. She is likely to  
be among the exiles herself pretty soon.—  
Chicago Post.

The Cuban insurgent armies seem to  
have the properties of the poly Hydra.  
Breaking them into pieces only creates  
more of them.—Boston Journal.

General Gomez sends word from Cuba  
that prayers are appreciated, but that car-  
riage and automobile races are not. This  
may not be pious, but it is war.—Boston  
Herald.

The Spanish censor at Havana gives  
General Gomez two months longer to live.  
The cause is to be consumption, and the  
rest of the insurgents will probably die of  
old age.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

Nobody is talking about ex-President  
Harrison being too old now.—Chicago  
Times-Herald.

Every civilized nation sympathizes with  
America's efforts to stop the nation  
to go and help her.—San Francisco Cal-  
ifornia.

Electrical ideas applied to toys are grow-  
ing in number daily. They come under  
the heads of current amusements.—Penn-  
sylvania Times.

It is said the new style of bicycles will  
show great improvements in the spring.  
It will be seen how they work by the fall.  
—Philadelphia Times.

What the suffragists mean by deciding  
not to hold their next convention at Wash-  
ington is that congress is a "mean old  
thing."—Kansas City Star.

In the feminine question, "Is my hat  
on display?" advanced woman can only  
see the innate disposition to show it has  
a level head.—Philadelphia Times.

## NEED THE STRONGEST.

A Talk With General Alger Concerning Presi-  
dential Possibilities.

BOSTON, Feb. 18.—A Boston paper prints  
an interview with General Russell A.  
Alger of Michigan




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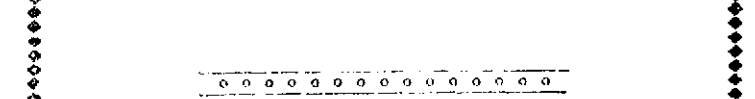
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